

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 27 wherein one or both of the components has a chemically treated surface which reacts as the components are relatively moved, to enhance ignition.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 6~~ claim 27 wherein the first housing part is attached in use, to a user or a structure.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 27 wherein the device includes a guard which conceals or otherwise guards the triggering apparatus against accidental actuation.

Claim 10 (Previously presented) A device according to claim 9 wherein the housing includes a first housing part and a second relatively moveable part, movement of the second housing part relative to the first housing part operating the triggering device, and wherein the guard includes a slidable or otherwise moveable or removable part, which in normal use, prevents the housing parts being relatively moved and hence preventing the triggering apparatus being actuated.

Claim 11 (Previously presented) A device according to claim 9 wherein the guard is readily moveable or removable in preparation for operation of the device, with minimal dextrous ability.

Claim 12 (Currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 27 wherein the marking substance is a generally harmless substance.

Claim 13 (Currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 27 wherein the marking substance includes a highly staining and difficult to remove dye.

Claim 14 (Currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 27 wherein the marking substance includes material which is not visible in the visual spectrum.

Claim 15 (Original) A device according to claim 14 wherein the marking substance includes a fluorescent compound which is detectable under UV wavelength light; or a trace material detectable by chromatography, X-ray fluorescence, or other otherwise by spectroscopy.

Claim 16 (Currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 27 wherein the marking substance includes a material with a unique identifier.

Claim 17 (Currently amended) A device according to claim 16 wherein ~~the material contains a~~ said unique identifier is a unique chemical identifier such as DNA, or selected from the group consisting of DNA and a chemically coded taggant.

Claim 18 (Currently amended) A device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 27 wherein the device includes a transmitter for transmitting a distress signal when the device is operated by actuating the triggering apparatus.

Claim 19 (Original) A device according to claim 18 wherein the device includes a receiver to receive a signal from a remote location, the receiver being operable in response, to actuate the transmitter to transmit the distress signal.

Claims 20-21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Currently amended) A personal safety system including a personal safety device including at least one housing containing a quantity of a marking substance that includes a unique chemical identifier that contains synthetic DNA, a propellant, a triggering apparatus including an initiator which is operative to activate the propellant to propel the marking substance from the housing to mark the area surrounding the device, and transceiver operable to transmit an RF distress signal that is of a unique frequency or character, so that the actual device transmitting the signal may be identified ~~a transceiver, the transceiver being operable to transmit a distress signal~~, the system further including a remote receiver to receive the transmitted distress signal, and a remote transmitter for transmitting an actuating signal to the personal safety device, the transceiver receiving the remotely transmitted actuating signal and transmitting the distress signal in response.

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Previously presented) A system according to claim 22 wherein the system includes a plurality of remote receivers, so that the distress signal is receivable by a receiver in range and used to locate the personal safety device.

Claims 25-26 (Cancelled)

Claim 27 (New) A personal safety device including at least one housing containing a quantity of a marking substance, an explosive charge, and a triggering

apparatus including an ignitor which is operative to detonate the explosive charge to propel the marking substance from the housing to mark the area surrounding the device wherein the ignitor is actuated by moving one component relative to another component, to produce spark ignition by friction; wherein the housing includes a first housing part and a second relatively moveable housing part, movement of the second housing part relative to the first housing part to operate the triggering device; and

wherein the triggering device includes a cord attached to one or other of the triggering apparatus' relatively moveable components, the one component being moved relative to the other by a user moving the second housing part away from the first housing part to pull on the cord.

Claim 28 (New) A personal safety device including at least one housing containing a quantity of a marking substance that includes a unique chemical identifier that contains synthetic DNA, a propellant, a triggering apparatus including an initiator which is operative to activate the propellant to propel the marking substance from the housing to mark the area surrounding the device, and transmitter operable to transmit an RF distress signal that is of a unique frequency or character, so that the actual device transmitting the signal may be identified.